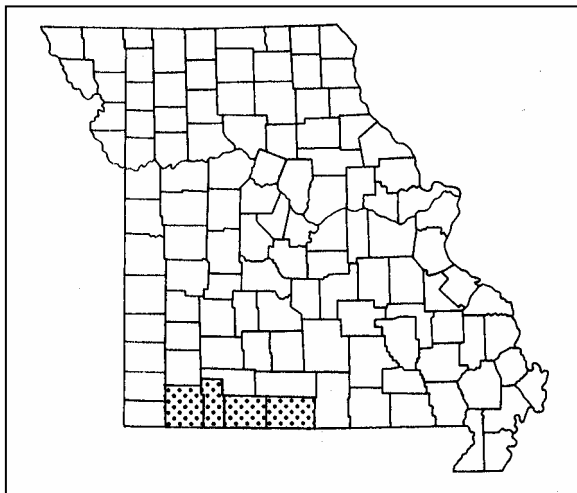


Ashe Juniper

Juniperus ashei Buchholz

This species is of minor importance and grows on dry sites in only a few counties in southwestern Missouri. It was named for its discoverer, William Willard Ashe, a pioneer forester who collected botanical specimens in Arkansas. The tree closely resembles eastern redcedar and is often cut, when of sufficient size, into lumber for redcedar markets. The bark is gray to tan or reddish. The wood is very similar to eastern redcedar.

While small volumes of Ashe juniper appear in loads of redcedar, it usually can be distinguished by browner heartwood and a creamy to light yellow sapwood. The growth rings end distinctly in a band of darker summerwood cells. When freshly cut, it has only a faint cedar odor as compared to the strong odor of eastern redcedar. It is not commercially important in Missouri and, generally speaking, is not available for home workshop use.



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